Alliance with UTI to set up ATMs

4550. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIR^DDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Posts has entered into an alliance with the UTI for setting up of ATMs across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any Post Offices have been identified by the Department for setting up of ATMs; and

(d) if so, the details of Post Offices, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (d) The Department of Posts have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with UTI Bank for cooperation in the field of financial services including setting up of ATMs. The proposal for installation of ATMs in Post Offices is at a conceptual stage as yet and no details in the matter have as yet been finalised.

Improvement in efficiency of postal system

4551. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the major initiatives Government propose to take during the Tenth Five Year Plan period so as to improve the efficiency of the postal system.

(b) whether there are any schemes that are going to be the extensions of the initiatives during the Ninth Five Year Plan period; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?